

SUMMARY FOR ASSISTED LIVING METHODOLOGY CHANGES

The multiple county service area that was proposed before, is not needed because the minimum size requirement for facilities has been removed which will allow small facilities to be built in counties with small populations and a small number of needed beds. A maximum size was added to allow more than one provider in counties so that county residents will have a choice of facilities. The 75 beds maximum is designated because it coordinates with the staffing requirements of The Office of Long Term Care.

The bed need is changed from 15/1000 to 30/1000 because the 30/1000 projections include the projected ALF and RCF need. The RCF projected bed need is included because RCFs can convert at any time to an ALF; therefore, the RCF projections need to be included with the ALF projections. In addition, new legislation places a moratorium on RCFs so there will be no new RCFs and any RCF that is to be rebuilt or replaced, must convert to ALF standards.

The Utilization Based Need section is removed because Assisted Living is a relatively new option and most counties still have a population based need for beds, therefore, a Utilization based methodology is not needed.

The priorities section was removed because the Agency does not have the authority to enforce a patient mix after the facility has been licensed. There is also concern within the ALF Advisory Committee that (1) some facilities did not apply under this priority but, they are accepting low-income residents and (2) there are only 300 Medicaid waivers available and if that number is not increased to meet demand, the Priority for low income is nullified.

The Unfavorable Review section was changed to coordinate with licensing rules and regulations from the Office of Long Term Care.

Language was added to give the Agency the authority to consider an applicant's performance history during the review process.

Based on the poor quality of information submitted by many applicants, the Agency added language to define the information required by the Agency for a business plan and market study to be submitted with the ALF application.